

EAST TEXAS REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP ‘I’
WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2007
Nacogdoches Recreation Center
1112 North Street, Nacogdoches, TX

1. Call to Order – Chairman David Alders called the meeting to order at 10:10am
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Ernest Mosby opened the meeting with an invocation. David Alders led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call and determination of a Quorum

Voting Members Present: (16 of 20)

David Alders
David Brock
George P. Campbell
Jerry Clark
Josh David
Michael Harbordt
William Heugel
Kelley Holcomb
Bill Kimbrough
Glenda Kindle
Duke Lyons
Monty Shank
Ernest Mosby
Robert Stroder
Worth Whitehead
Dr. J. Leon Young

Proxies

Mel Swoboda designated Mike Harbordt
Carl Griffith designated George Campbell

Mable Cannings reported the Group had a quorum to conduct business.

Non-Voting Members Present:

Terry Stelly
Walter Glenn
Temple McKinnon

Other Guests

Gary Graham, Consultant
Bill Tetley, Sierra Club
Bob Bowman, Bowman Associates

Michael Fotos, Yale University

Kim Carlson, “ “

Tara Moberg “ “

4. Consideration and Approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2006 meeting: A motion was made by Jerry Clark and seconded by Worth Whitehead. The motion carried.
5. Financial Report – Kelley Holcomb presented the budget which encompasses the period from September 1, 2006 to current. The balance in the checking account is currently \$30, 260.96. No additional funds were collected from any of the counties. ETRWPG is still working on surplus funds. The new budget will start in September 2007.
6. Reports of adjoining regions activity
 - A. Region C – David Brock reported that there was no report. He said Region C would meet next month.
 - B. Region D – Glenda Kindle reported that Region D was out of funds.
 - C. Region H – Temple McKinnon reported that Region H was also in a holding pattern and will meet on May 2, 2007
7. Reports From Standing Committees:
 - A. Executive Committee – David Alders reported that the executive committee had not met and that all communications had been via e-mail.
 - B. Finance Committee – Kelley Holcomb distributed an updated financial report.
 - C. Bylaws Committee – David Alders reporting for Mel Swoboda indicated that minor revisions had been completed. He also recommended that the draft version and the edited versions be included in the packet for the next meeting. David Alders recommended a vote be tabled for the next meeting to consider approval of the bylaws at the next meeting with the new chairman.
 - D. Technical Committee – Dr. Young had no report.
 - E. Nominations Committee – George Campbell reported that the nominations committee had met earlier to consider the current vacancies. He reviewed the original legislation regarding board member responsibility to represent all counties in their categories, not a specific county as such. When serving you represent all twenty (20) counties. He reminded everyone that there were eleven

(11) interests represented on the ETRWPG: public, counties, municipalities, industry, agriculture, environmental, small business, electric generating utilities, river authorities, water district, water utilities and added "Other" which is usually Ports. Gary Graham proposed to provide membership orientation for new members which should occur at the end of the summer.

8. Report From State Agencies:

A. Texas Parks & Wildlife – Terry Stelly offered the board his agencies' on-going support of ETRWPG efforts and distributed to each member a personal copy of "State of Springs" DVD.

B. Texas Department of Agriculture – no report

9. Report From DETCOG: Mable Cannings requested all members to be vigorous in reporting all changes of their personal contact information to enhance communications in a timely manner. She announced that the DETCOG website was being updated and would soon be able to update all ETRWPG information.

10. Report From Texas Water Development Board: Temple McKinnon reported that the TWDB had met in February and approved an additional 5M in state participation funding for Lake Columbia. The Board also authorized the publication of SOQ'S for research topics. These included studying the effects of small surface water impoundments on water supply reservoirs; updating Report 126 on dams and reservoirs in TX; developing a baseline and GIS tool to identify industrial water reuse potential in the state; evaluating the role of drought contingency/management strategies in the regional and state-wide water planning process; attitudes on water conservation activities; developing tools to improve the state's water availability models; and providing a new analysis of water demand projections for power generation. She reported that the reservoir study is complete and is now on the web page. The next board meeting is March 27th. She announced, GMA 14 meets March 27 and encourages RWPG participation. Lastly, Ms. McKinnon reported that the TWDB had filed a complaint against US Fish and Wildlife regarding the designation of the Neches River National Wildlife Refuge.

11. Presentation From Texas Personnel on Legislative issues: Presented by Temple McKinnon as a combined report as discussed above.

12. Report From Consultant Team: Gary Graham, Schaumburg and Polk distributed report discussing scope of work between the Water Development Board the ETRWPG. (report archived) Gary requested approval of the SOW contingent on the approval of executive committee in order to meet the May 17, 2007 pending timeline.

13. Public Comment: David Alders opened the floor for public comment. Bill Tetley, Golden Tri-angle Sierra Club, presented his arguments against Senate Bill 675 related to Fastrill Reservoir. He argued that the effects of transferring water out of the region

would drastically reduce downstream flow and that this would adversely affect the future water needs in our Region including wildlife, agriculture, bays and estuaries that support a large fish and shellfish industry and industrial use. Mr. Tetley's full statement is archived.

Chairman David Alders advised that the board could not take action on a proposal pro or con that is not on the agenda. Mr. Tetley was asked to contact the new chairman to request it be on the agenda next time if he desired to do so.

14. Unfinished Business - there was no unfinished business.

15. New Business

- A. Discuss and possibly take action to approve a Scope of Services Agreement between the ETRWPG and DETCOG delineating the responsibilities of the contract administrator: Kelley Holcomb distributed a copy of the Scope of Services and entertained questions. Minor changes were discussed on page 4, section 2.4. A motion was made by Mr. Holcomb and seconded by George Campbell to approve the agreement, the motion carried.
- B. Discuss and possibly take action to approve the ETRWPG'S 2007 budget: Discussion ensued. Kelley Holcomb made a motion to approve the administrative budget for FY 2007. Seconded by Glenda Kindle and the motion carried.
- C. Discuss and possibly take action to approve the Scope of Work for East Texas Regional Water Planning 3rd cycle: Mike Harbordt moved that the planning group give the executive committee final authority to approve the scope of work between the parties. Seconded by Glenda Kindle. Chairman David Alders recommended that an electronic copy of the document be distributed to the board when it is finalized. The motion carried.
- D. Consider the report of the Nominations Committee and elect new members to the ETRWPG: George Campbell reported that there were vacancies in three categories, county, small business and industry. The county positions were formerly held by County Judges Carl Griffin and Chris Von Doenhoff. Mr. Campbell reported that he mailed letters to twenty-three county judges of the region seeking recommendations for the county vacancies. He received fourteen responses. The nominating committee met and selected County Judge Chris Davis of Cherokee County to fill the position formally held by Judge Chris von Doenhoff. Mr. Campbell, on behalf of the nominating committee, made a motion to elect Judge Davis to the group. Glenda Kindle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Davis is 47 years old, a life long resident of Cherokee county, and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. Mr. Campbell then made a motion on behalf of the nominating committee to elect Jeff Branick, staff attorney to Jefferson County Commissioners Court to fill the vacancy of Carl Griffith. The motion was seconded by Robert Stroder. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Campbell stated that nominations will also be needed for the large industry position left vacant left by the resignation of Mel Swoboda. The Small Business position formally occupied by Edward McCoy is also still vacant.

- D. Election of ETRWPG Officers and Executive Committee for 2007: The Nomination Committee met for selection of officers and George Campbell presented a slate of officers to the group in compliance with the By-Laws. Mr. Campbell informed the group that the nominating committee had selected the following slate of officers for this year.

Chairman: Kelley Holcomb
1st Vice Chair: Worth Whitehead
2nd Vice Chair: Mike Harbordt
Secretary: David Brock

Assistant Secretary: Jerry Clark
At-Large: Ernest Mosby
At-Large: David Alders

Mr. Campbell moved on behalf of the nominating committee that this slate of officers be elected. His motion was seconded by Bill Kimbrough. The vote was unanimous.

16. Chairman's Report – David Alders made his final remarks and welcomed Kelley Holcomb as the new chairman.
17. General Discussion – Proposed date of next meeting: June 13, 2007.
18. Adjourned at 12:15

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2007

ATTEST

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

